making a larger allotment for the grant of loans to the agriculturists in a large number of cases for the purchase of bulls in that taluk so that agricultural operations may continue and we can have some food next year at least? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Government have since permitted the Board of Revenue to authorize the Collectors to incur expenditure over and above the amounts allotted already."

Vasili tank, Atmakur taluk.

* 176 Q.—SRI G. C. KONDIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether in Vasili village, Atmakur taluk, the Vasili tank breached during the floods of 1943 and 1952 as the Boggeru was in floods and ran into it and what steps the Government have taken to prevent similar breaches in future?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The breaches in 1943 and 1952 were not caused by floods in the Boggeru but by the villagers cutting the bund to prevent damage to the huts near it.

" The tank bund was adequately strengthened during 1943 and will not breach by floods in the Boggeru. The possibility of devising measures to obviate cutting of the bund to save dwellings is being examined."

Cancellation of bus conductor's pass by executive orders.

* 177 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIYAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state how many cases have occurred where the conductor's pass of bus conductors have been cancelled or suspended by a mere executive order of the District Superintendent of Police during the year 1951?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Orders suspending or cancelling conductor's pass of bus conductors are quasi-judicial in nature and not mere executive orders. There were 888 cases of cancellation or suspension of conductors' passes in the whole State in 1951 by the District Superintendents of Police and Deputy Commissioner of Police, Traffic and Licensing, Madras, who are the licensing authorities."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" May I know, Sir, if any appeal lies over the orders of these officers? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, in the mofussil the appeal is to the Regional Transport Authority and in the City it is to the Road Traffic Board."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government will amend the rules, to conform to the principles of justice, so that orders for the cancellation of passes may be passed only after the conductors are found guilty before a court of law? "

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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The procedure now followed is this. In every case of suspension under Rule 242 of the Motor Vehicles Act, an opportunity is given to the delinquent to show cause in writing within a specified time as to why his license should not be suspended. This explanation is duly considered as also any witnesses' statements which may be submitted. The Government have ordered that where punitive departmental action is possible, prosecution should not be launched, except for special reasons or in very grave cases."

Thiruvadi anicut.

* 178 Q.—SRI S. RADHAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether there are increasing leakages in Thiruvadi anicut in South Arcot district?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" There has been no leakage after grouting was done in May last."

SRI S. RADHAKRISHNAN :—" May I know, Sir, why then so many acres of wet lands are lying waste? Is it not due to inadequate supply of water?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" The main question is with reference to leakages in Thiruvadi anicut and the Hon. Minister has answered that there has been no leakage."

Representations from the labourers in Cinchona estates, Anamalais.

* 179 Q.—SRI N. MAHALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representations from the labour from its Cinchona estates in the Anamalais;

(b) whether the labour are demanding supply of a pair of rugs per year; and

(c) whether the labour are demanding to and fro charges at the time of the annual recess and whether such allowances are allowed to labour in other estates?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The Government have sanctioned the supply of a cumbly free of cost, every year, to the workers in the Government Cinchona Plantations and the Quinine Factory.

" (c) The Government have sanctioned the payment of one way rail or bus fare from the Estate to the native village of the worker or *vice versa* plus an allowance of annas twelve per day of journey to each worker employed in the Government Cinchona Plantations and the Quinine Factory every year subject to the condition that he has worked for a period of not less than ten months on each occasion. It is understood that such allowance is allowed to workers in private estates also."